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**Worldwide Heart to Heart Ministries Children's
Village welcomes Touch of Hope Ministries**

A WWH2H THANK YOU TO "TOUCH OF HOPE MINISTRIES"

Article by Tracy Beard, CEO, Touch of Hope Ministries



In November 2005, A Touch of Hope ministry worked with Worldwide Heart to Heart Ministries in Tegucigalpa, Honduras. Its mission is to promote and practice God's principles of giving by providing an avenue for kids to fund and deliver basic supplies to needy kids around the world. Oscar described how many children in the nearby villages could not attend school as they had no funds for a uniform, shoes or the necessary supplies. The ability to receive an education was determined to be the greatest need for this trip.

Touch of Hope member giving a local Honduran girl badly

Oscar and Amy were supplied with a set amount of funds to purchase uniforms, shoes, backpacks, underwear, textbooks, school supplies and even socks prior to our arrival on the 19th of November. Packages were then prepared for 113 children ranging from kindergarten to eighth-grade students. These children, from nearby villages, had either quit school because they could not afford the uniform and supplies, or were children who were never able to begin school in the first place for financial reasons.

The team spent five days with the children at the Worldwide Heart to Heart Children's Village. The team had a great time playing soccer and getting to know the kids from the Village. The kids from the Village joined the team as they visited two neighboring towns to do the program. The team did a puppet skit paralleling the parable of the talents in the Bible and a skit about the "Good Samaritan." Afterwards, the crowd went outside to play games and receive candy.

The last program was done at the Children's Village. All the children that were chosen to receive school supplies were invited to attend with one adult representative. More than 200 people arrived. The day was alive with excitement and anticipation not only for the recipients but for the team members. After the regular program, each recipient was called by name to come and receive his or her supplies. The kids on the team each took turns handing out the supplies. It was a touching affair. After all the supplies were dispersed the program was ended with a piñata festival

A heart felt thanks goes to all the people who participated in making this mission successful. An education and "a touch of hope" were handed to 113 children. Many more children and adults saw hope and love for the first time. This is no small accomplishment. Thank you Worldwide Heart to Heart for working with us to blessing the people of Tegucigalpa.

TEACHER HIRED TO WORK WITH OUR CHILDREN

A former teacher from the school in Tegucigalpa, Zulima, has been hired to do enrichment and reinforcement work with our children during this "summer" break that began the end of November and ends the first part of February. She will work from 8 am to 5 pm. Classes taught will be Bible, reading, math, science, art, music, English and P.E. When school resumes, she will work with the older children in the morning, as they go to school in the afternoon, and with the younger children in the afternoon, as they go to school in the morning. She will give special attention to Cesar, who struggles in school. Welcome, Zulima!!

THE SERRANO REPORT FOR DECEMBER

by Amy and Oscar Serrano



Dear Family, How was your Christmas? We had a wonderful one on this end! On the 24th, we had all the kids come to our house, including our houseparents, Guadalupe, Myra and son, Jefferson. We went to church and had a great service. 10 families from the church said that they would take one of the kids to their home on New Year's Eve to have dinner and spend time with their family. The church had the kids and us come forward for prayer. All of the families came up with the kids and hugged them and prayed for them. They said that they would get presents for them. One of the men from the church called on Monday to get all of their clothes sizes. It was really heartwarming to have our church embrace them like this. I wish you all could have been here.

After church on Christmas Eve, we had a party at our house with lots of people. The kids had a great time. They popped fire crackers, ate a big dinner, and played games. They were all up really early on Christmas morning to open presents. They were soooooo happy with that day. Unfortunately, the letters that you sent and the stockings have not arrived yet. But don't worry. That's typical Honduras at this time of year. They have an absolute mess at the Post Office. We went to Marcel's mom's house after to play soccer in the field. Michael and Kambria Robertson, the dental team who were here in September, brought shoebox presents with really cool stuff in them, along with a bag of school supplies for each one. So, the kids have new clothes, new toys, two new swing sets, and more stuff from the stockings and the church to come. They had a really great Christmas!

The kids had a wonderful new years, as well. They all went for an outing with their new Honduran sponsors. They came back loaded with new clothes and toys. The families were so touched by each child. Each one wants to continue a relationship with the kids. They want to be there for birthdays and holidays to celebrate with the kids. God is good!

Oscar has started on the technical school floor. He hopes to get the windows and doors done by the end of Jan. Approximate cost for floor and windows will be \$6000. We are looking forward to the VBS team the end of January. God bless all of you and thank you for your continued support of this work.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

The month of December began with a very low balance of funds to cover the month. Thank you to everyone who helped in this matter. We were financially blessed over and above what we needed or expected. Thank you also to those of you who sent Christmas Boxes and Stockings and special gifts to the children. I continue to stand in awe of God's blessings and care.

THREE BOYS RETURN HOME

Three of our boys, Roberto, Eduardo and Norman, returned to their parents' homes in December. We will miss them and pray for God to keep His loving arms about them. For those who were sponsoring them, we pray you will continue praying for them and give your monthly support to another of our children. We will keep in touch with the boys and try to help them when we are able.

THANK YOU, CARRIE AADLAND

If you are more comfortable reading our website and newsletters in Spanish, you can thank Carrie Aadland of Centralia, WA. She is the newest member of our staff in charge of translations from English to Spanish. Thank you so much, Carrie.

WWH2H VBS TEAM TO MINISTER

The WWH2H VBS team lead by Tina Campbell is preparing to leave for their third annual mission trip to Honduras. The team includes Dean and Rachel King, Cathy Moore, Stacey Byrum, Mathieu Fingerson, Brandon King, Tyler Stone, Jean Costello, Carol Rutledge, Nichole Rutledge, Jacob Rutledge, Miranda Rutledge, Lindarae Hovde, and Pastor John Leffler who will do a two night crusade. We need special prayer for coordinator Tina Campbell for Holy Spirit wisdom and good health as she leads this team. Thank you!

WELCOME, DANIEL!

In December, Daniel Manzanales, age 8, joined the family at the Village. He was covered in sores and was living on the street. His brother, Marlon already lives with us. We need sponsors to provide for Daniel. If you are able, please consider sending a monthly donation for his support. Thank you!

FUND RAISING EVENTS COMING UP

February 11 - 7 p.m. Sweetheart Concert in Stevenson, WA at Rock Creek Center. Presenting Love Songs of yesteryear. Featuring Bryce McCollum. Refreshments served. Donations accepted. Contact: Bernice McCollum, 509-427-4590 corridor3@gorge.net

March - WWH2H Benefit Concert - Washougal, WA Featuring several gorge vocalists. Time and place details to follow. Contact: Mary LaFrance, mlsingwood@aol.com

April 15 - WWH2H Benefit Christian Concert - Stevenson, WA at Rock Creek Center. Presenting Christian Songs. Featuring Bryce McCollum. Refreshments served. Donations accepted. Contact: Bernice McCollum 509-427-4590 corridor3@gorge.net

CONTAINER TO BE SENT TO HONDURAS

WWH2H President Mary Frenter met Washington State Senator Pam Roach at the Copan Conference in October. Together we are going to send a container to Honduras with supplies for WWH2H and for her ministry to the schools in La Ceiba. If you are able to donate any of the following items or the funds to purchase them, please contact Mary Frenter (509-427-8585 or maryf@wwh2h.org)

FOR CHILDREN'S VILLAGE:

1. A 60 KW Generator, 2. A Tractor to work with cutting grass, and planting 3. Two newer computers with a printer 4. Blankets and Towels 5. Clothes and Shoes in sizes for boys ages 3 to 17. 6. Two washers and Two dryers

7. Large White Board, Large world map, Large map of Honduras 8. Art supplies, P.E. Equipment, Musical instruments,

9. Fiction and non fiction books of all kinds and for all ages in Spanish.

Clinic: 1. Medicines that do not expire for at least one year (contact Karen Kearcher for a list - karenkearcher@msn.com)

2. Medical equipment and furniture to furnish a three patient room clinic. 3. Newer Computer with printer.

Tech School: Mechanic shop: 1. Air compressor 2. pressure washer machine 3. all kinds of mechanic tools 4. coveralls of different sizes

Welding Shop: 1. Welders 2. Torches 3. Grinders 4. Metal cutters 5. Disk for metal cutter and grinders 6. All kind of tools for welding

Electrical Shop: 1. Power testers 2. wire cutters 3. Screw driver sets 4. All kind of tools for electrical shop

Carpenter Shop: All kind of carpentry tools

Please pray for...

- Good health and Holy Spirit wisdom for Serranos, our children and their caretakers
- Complete healing from cancer for Karen Kearcher, our Medical Team Coordinator
- Healing and health for Tina Campbell, our VBS Coordinator
- Wisdom for the Board as we plan for 2006
- Monthly support and construction funding.



Swing set built by Oscar